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Cystic Fibrosis Australia

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All Cars Accounted for as Great Escape Wraps Up

The Great Escape Car Rally for Cystic Fibrosis has wrapped up for 2010. What a rally it turned out to be; 48 entrants, 15 support vehicles, cars on fire, the big wet, 4,500km's of outback driving in the big wet and most importantly \$390,000 in fund raising! What an effort!

This year's rally commenced in Echuca and wound its way through Victoria out to Kangaroo Island then over the snowy mountains and into Batemans Bay. Every car and every mile dedicated to raising funds to support Cystic Fibrosis Australia in the important work they do to support research for a cure and the all important data registry system.

Many exciting things happened along the journey. One example; the town of Moyston, where the AFL was started over 100 years ago, welcomed the rally crews with a fireworks display. Despite a tough drive all the cars made it into Batemans Bay in various ways. "Rosie" the CF car, after catching fire twice, came into Batemans Bay on a tilt-tray with CEO Terry Stewart riding in Rosie while Rosie was on the tilt-tray!

The rally was a great success on every front but one thing that was particularly pleasing this year is that in a difficult economic climate the funds raised by the rally crews were even bigger than last year's efforts. Teams don't go unrewarded either – here is a list of the 2010 award winners:

Award	Place	Car No.	Car Name	From
Ya Said They'd Never Make It		75	Wizard of Oz	Morgan
Zaniest Crew & Vehicle		2489	The Family Trucksters	Orange
Best Presented Vehicle	1st	604	Kermit	Blind Bite
	2nd	65	Purple People Eater	Shepparton
	3rd	78	Priscilla	Batemans Bay
Best Antic Award		C7	Towball & Uncle Fester	Canowindra
Spiriter Award		221 / B221	Deliverance	Griffith
Ladies Crew		22	Crew 2-2	Leeton
Family Crew		41	Lucifer's Lair	Lavington
Ambassador Award		19	Superheroes	Brisbane
Promoter Award		78	Priscilla	Batemans Bay
State Awards		19	Superheroes	Brisbane
		41	Lucifer's Lair	NSW
		000	000 Tribute	VIC
		75	Wizard of Oz	SA
		56	Two Fat Ladies	ACT
1 st in Class Awards				
A		182	Greedy	Avoca Beach
A1		19	Superheroes	Camp Hill
B		540	Booga	Ellerslie

B1		2	Kenny's on Tour	Ararat
C		41	Lucifer's Lair	Lavington
C1		303	Mongrel	Wallacia
Outright Places	10th	31	N Zyme	Rosemeadow
	9th	2	Kenny's on Tour	Ararat
	8th	19	Superheroes	Camp Hill
	7th	604	Kermit	Blind Bite
	6th	53	The Wicked Bug	Bass Hill
	5th	56	Two Fat Ladies	Western
	4th	182	Greedy	Avoca Beach
	3rd	000	000 Tribute	Dreeite
	2nd	22	Crew 2-2	Leeton
	1st	41	Lucifer's Lair	Lavington
John Wythes People's Choice		19	Superheroes	Camp Hill
The Lizzie / Officials Award		S1	Attitude & Jason	Cowra
Highest Fundraiser	10th	2489	The Family Trucksters	Orange
	9th	929	Joel	Tamworth
	8th	1163	Gumleaves	
	7th	31	The Creon Car	
	6th	637	The Four Statesman	
	5th	22	Crew 2-2	Leeton
	4th	19	Superheroes	Camp Hill
	3rd	78	Priscilla	Batemans Bay
	2nd	313	White Noise	
	1st	65	Purple People Eater	Shepparton
Sixty five Roses Award		65	Purple People Eater	Shepparton

Terry Stewart, CEO of Cystic Fibrosis Australia suggests the rally is special for a number of reasons. "Our Road Boss works hard every year to take us to unique places and places you wouldn't normally visit; this certainly makes the rally special, but more than that; great friendships have been formed, it really is great fun, and it has helped raise awareness and vital funds for Cystic Fibrosis."

So what now for the rally teams? Well they're getting ready for next year of course! And what a rally it will be. The 10th Anniversary 2011 rally will start out in Tamworth and wrap up at Port Douglas. 30 crews have already registered and they'll work from now until next year getting their vehicle ready, raising awareness and raising funds for this wonderful event and worthwhile cause.

For more details about The Great Escape 2010, including the event brochure, itinerary, images, videos and map visit www.thegreatescape.org.au or on Facebook and Twitter.

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Great Escape Car Rally Entrants for 2010:

Car No.	Principal
0	John Betts
2	Ron Harris
2----2	Roz Thompson (car name tu-tu)
4	Mark Torrington
8	Steve Farley
12	Michael Seehusen
19	Garry Ziser
31	Ramsay Desouza
39	Colleen Willis
41	Frank Corby
53	Gavin Burton
56	Leon Down
64	Jason Nelson
65	Teresa Carlson
66	Geoff Campbell
68	Ian Walsh
69	Dean Neville only there 2 days
75	Lucy Fry
77	Darryl Heiner
78	Vanessa Howard
86	Phil Henekiuha
88	Lloyd Aylward
113	Alf Puglia
115	Richard Goodman
181	Craig Willis
182	Phil Bodiam
200	Michael Skusse LJB Batemans Bay

221 Simon Reynolds
303 Dave Sirl
313 Matthew Hunter
333 Carolyn Heim
540 Dion Symons
604 Ray Lloyd
637 Dennis Cameron
691 Gerry Johnston
790 Sidd Mehta
809 Ben Casey
888 Peter Kenny
929 Peter Roulstone
1163 Koala Jones
2206 Steve Parmesan
2489 Al Hattersley
6666 Wayne Campbell
8055 Scott Batey
M1 Richard DeGroot Medic



Background Information:

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a genetic condition that primarily affects the lungs and digestive system and sadly results in a shortened life expectancy.

In Australia every four days a child is born with Cystic Fibrosis. Every baby is screened at birth for Cystic Fibrosis, as over a million Australians are carriers of the gene.

Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA) is asking Australian's to donate to this cause that gets no government funding. All donations go to research and support to continue the quest for a cure.

Funds raised by The Great Escape will be directed to research projects, including the Cystic Fibrosis Data Registry and support services for children and young adults living with Cystic Fibrosis.

People can donate by calling 1800 635 008

Or visiting www.thegreatescape.org.au

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Just some of the experiences on the Great Escape Car Rally for 2010